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On 1 November 1948, the condition of the Neisse River bridges at Guben (A79) was as follows:

1. Double-tracked railroad bridge on the Guben - Sommerfeld (A97) line.

Destroyed completely on the southeast (Polish) side. The track, including the sleepers, has been dismantled between the bridge and the railroad station.

2. Main Neisse bridge.

This bridge in the center of Guben is completely destroyed. The pillars which remained in the river bed are being removed by Polish workers.

3. Achenbach bridge.

This wooden bridge is now completely destroyed.

4. Schlachthof bridge.

Destroyed.

5. Double-tracked railroad bridge on the Guben - Rothenburg (W 20) line.

a. This bridge is north of Guben. It is undamaged and capable of handling traffic. It is of iron girder construction. Its 70 meter length is carried on four stone pillars, two in the river bed and two on the river banks. These pillars are approximately 1 1/2 meters thick.

b. The Neisse here is 35 meters wide and approximately 1.85 meters deep. Both banks are approximately 18 meters wide. The ground is marshy meadowland. The banks rise to a height of six meters above the water level.

c. The bridge is guarded on the Polish side, and the area is prohibited.

6. Railroad lines.

a. Guben - Forst (A77). This line now goes only from Guben to Gross-Gastrose

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(A78). The remainder is dismantled. Railroad connections between Guben and Forst have to be effected via Cottbus (A57).

- b. Guben station. The Polish station is situated in a former airfield barracks near the bridge.

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